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BIG SANDY NEWS.

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BOY DROWNED IN BIG SANDY.

Death Comes Also to a Number of Other Persons.

DEATH BY DROWNING.

On Sunday last the 14-year-old son of Mack Miller, who lives near the mouth of Georges creek, was accidentally drowned. He and an older brother were in a gasoline launch and the boys tried to jump from the boat to a passing raft. The older boy succeeded but the other missed the raft and fell into the river.

DEATH OF ARTHUR BOYD.

Arthur Boyd, well known in Louisa, died at his home in Portsmouth on Thursday, April 2nd. His health had been bad for a year or more but the acute attack lasted only a few days. He was in Louisa the week before he died. He was a popular salesman, genial and courteous, liked by everybody. He was single and about 30 years old.

MRS. H. D. COOPER DEAD.

Mrs. Lydia Cooper, 24, wife of Rev. H. D. Cooper, pastor of the M. E. Church of Tolleboro, Ky., died in Cincinnati Saturday as the result of an operation for appendicitis performed a week ago. Besides her husband Mrs. Cooper is survived by a six-year-old son.—Maysville Ledger.

The deceased was born at Summit, near Gallup, and was a Miss Sammons. Mr. Cooper at one time was pastor of the Gallup M. E. Church.

DEATH OF GOOD WOMAN.

Mrs. Alonzo O'Daniel, of Huletts, this county, died at her home Sunday, aged 64 years. She was buried Monday at the home place, after appropriate services conducted by the Rev. H. B. Hewlett, of this city. She was the wife of Alonzo O'Daniel, who survives her. She had been in poor health for some time, but her death was totally unexpected, falling into a stupor on the Friday before her death, and never regaining consciousness.

Mrs. O'Daniel was a most estimable woman, a devoted christian and held in high esteem and regard by a large circle of friends.

DEATH OF AGED WOMAN.

Mrs. Elliott Burgess, of Kise, this county, died at her home Wednesday night after a short illness caused by pneumonia. She was buried Friday morning near the home place. She is survived by her husband, but no children were born to them. The deceased was 85 years old, while Mr. Burgess is about one year older. These worthy people had been married many years, probably longer than any other couple in this entire valley. Mrs. Burgess was greatly respected because of her many virtues and good qualities. Her death is a severe blow to her aged husband, her companion for so many years. Mrs. Burgess' maiden name was Porter and she had many relatives at South Point, O.

DEATH AT 81 YEARS.

Departed this life April 1, after an illness of a little more than five months, Winfrey H. Walter, born Aug. 22, 1833, aged 80 years, 7 months, 10 days. He was married Oct. 11, 1854, to Elizabeth Preston, to this union were born fifteen children, fourteen living to be grown, eleven of whom are living. He joined the United Baptist Church Oct. 7, 1858, living a devoted Christian life until death. During his long illness he seemed to by his religion so much, bidding friends and relatives good-bye telling them how he longed to and of his hopes beyond the grave. He was buried near the old home surrounded by his weeping union and eight of the children. A large crowd of friends, three children, John, of Williamsburg, and Mrs. Juda Butcher, of O. Mrs. Exer Preston, of Wash., could not be present. Burial, but they have assurance that they can meet again, where as he often said his illness they will

meet and be complete and long together dwell. Of all the large family all but one have accepted that Savior whom father loved so dearly as theirs, and what a comfort and satisfaction this is to the dear old mother.

A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW.

UNTIMELY DEATH.

Earl Rice, aged 20 years, son of Sherman Rice, of Jennys Creek, near Paintsville, died Sunday in Ashland, as a result of an accidental shooting, which occurred Saturday afternoon at Paintsville, where young Rice was attending school.

It seems that young Rice and several other boy students were in a room of the home of Judge Kirk, and Rice started to get a pitcher of water, and as he did so one of the other boys started to pull a revolver from his pocket and the trigger of the same caught on his clothing, causing the revolver to be discharged, the bullet striking Rice in the abdomen, causing a wound from which his death resulted, despite the heroic efforts to save his life.

The shocking death of this bright young man is directly chargeable to the criminal and cowardly practice of carrying concealed deadly weapons. What possible excuse could the boy who had the pistol in his pocket give for having it? And why did he attempt to draw it from his pocket? Let us hope that a rigid enforcement of the new concealed weapon law will break up the detestable practice.

BRAKEMAN KILLED.

Thos. Adkins, a substitute brakeman, fell from a car at the Russell yard Saturday morning and was decapitated. He was riding a cut of cars, which came in contact with some stationary cars, and the impact caused him to fall to the tracks. He was 24 years old and married.

RUSSELLISM EXPOSED.

Russellism exposed, and explained according to Scriptures, and everybody cordially invited to come and bring Bibles along. Read carefully third chapter First Peter, and analyzing every sentence grammatically looking carefully into the truth as given by the author. Friday night at 7:00 o'clock, Christian Church.

FOREST FIRES TO BE PREVENTED.

Heavy Fines Provided by Law for Carelessness in Starting Fires.

For the purpose of enforcing the law all Forest fire wardens shall, while holding office, "possess and exercise all the authority and power held and exercised by constables at common law and under the statutes of this state."

The exercise of care with small fires is the best preventive of large ones. Therefore, all persons are requested

1. Not to drop matches or burning tobacco where there is inflammable material.
2. Not to build larger camp fires than are necessary.
3. Not to build fires in leaves, rotten wood, or other places where they are likely to spread.
4. In windy weather and in dangerous places, to dig holes or clear the ground to confine camp fires.
5. To extinguish all fires completely before leaving them, even for a short absence.
6. Not to build fires against large or hollow logs, where it is difficult to extinguish them.
7. Not to build fires to clear land without taking the greatest precaution against the spread of fire and to refrain from clearing land in this manner in windy or exceedingly dry weather.

L. W. SPENCER,
Forest Warden L. C.

KILLING IN JOHNSON COUNTY.

Elsie Murray shot and killed Malcom Picklesimer, of the Low Gap section of Johnson county, on Sunday last. Murray is in jail and says the shooting was accidental.

MR. MAYO'S CASE NOW SEEMS HOPELESS

After Several Favorable Days a Decided Change for the Worse Occurs.

Just before going to press the NEWS received word direct that Mr. John C. Mayo is very much worse and that there is scarcely any hope for his recovery. If he lives until Friday morning a transfusion of blood will be made as a last resort. The blood will be taken from his brother, W. I. Mayo, if the test now being made shows his blood to be suitable for the purpose.

For several days previous to yesterday Mr. Mayo's condition looked very much better and the relatives were quite hopeful.

His death would be a calamity to Eastern Kentucky and to the entire State.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

At the regular meeting of the city council last Tuesday night all members were present except C. B. Bromley. Among the orders passed was one directing the laying of an eight-foot wide concrete sidewalk around the entire public square. Also one from the Dr. Burgess building on Main Cross street to the C. & O. passenger depot, and from the Savoy hotel up Perry St. to A. M. Hughes' corner. The city attorney was directed to take steps to secure 15 cent gas for Louisa. An order which all citizens should help to enforce is one directing the marshal to see that the ordinance relating to keeping the streets clean be strictly observed. To cast any paper, sticks, straw, brush or other rubbish into the streets renders the offender to a fine of from two to ten dollars. It is the duty of the marshal to enforce this law, and he says he intends to do it.

AGAIN IT'S BIG SANDY.

The Sunday School class at the Masonic Home is conducted along non sectarian and non denomination al lines. Bro. Burford receives on account of his request to the children of his classes, a letter once each year from them after they leave the home, and there are now to be found members of his class in Australia, South America and in fact, in almost all of the countries of the world.

Recently Bro. Burford offered a prize to the children for the best composition, and, as a result, the prize has been awarded to Miss Alice Meade, of Richardson Lodge No. 699, Richardson, Ky.

It was, however, a very close race between Miss Alice and Miss Ellen Truitt, Zion Hill Lodge No. 371, Shady Grove, Ky. The award was made to Miss Alice because the grammar and expression and text reads more smoothly, hence more interesting than that of Miss Ellen's composition.—Masonic Home Journal.

The subject of the prize essay was Hawaii and Honolulu, and it was handled very nicely by the young Sandian.

TRAINS TO WAYLAND.

As soon as possible a passenger train will be run from Allen, on the Big Sandy, to Wayland, on the Beaver Creek extension of the C. & O. But there is much to be done before the road will be ready. For several weeks, possibly, a freight train, which runs with more or less irregularity, is the only rail communication.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

Sunday School at 9:00 a. m. Let each teacher be sure to see your absent pupils this week. Present last Sunday 202. About 45 in Men's Bible Class.

Preaching services at 10:30 a. m. Subject: "Resurrection of Jesus Christ."

Junior League at 2:30 p. m. Senior League at 6:00 p. m.

A special Easter music program will be rendered at 7:00 p. m. Also special music at the morning service. A cordial welcome is extended to all. B. M. KEITH, Pastor.

THE COUNTY AGENT AT WORK.

E. S. Kegley, the County Agricultural Agent, is hard at work perfecting his plans for the season. All last week he was visiting various parts of the county, letting the people know who he was and what he would do. He found them deeply interested and ready to co-operate with him in his demonstration work. He already has more offers of land than he needs, and the owners have agreed to raise the designated crops in the manner prescribed by him. The points selected by Mr. Kegley will be publicly named later by him. He regrets that because of inclement weather he was not able to visit Charley and Mattie, but he will go there later. Mr. Kegley says that no one could have been more kindly and hospitably received than was he. He desires that the NEWS urge the boys to join the corn club and to send their names to him at once, as the list must be closed some time in this month.

METHODIST SCHOOL MAY BE ESTABLISHED.

Mr. John Henderson, a prominent citizen and churchman of Ashland, was here this week and held a conference with several of the leading citizens of Louisa regarding the establishment of an educational institution here. It is known to many that when the Rev. Robert Callahan died he left by will \$20,000 to be used in the founding of a school in this section, to be located not above Louisa on the Big Sandy nor below Ashland on the Ohio. This bequest contained a time limit which has nearly expired. During Mr. Henderson's stay he examined the Masonic Hall with a view of renting it as a temporary school building, and some eligible building lots were also looked over. The matter will probably be taken up at the next meeting of Apperson Lodge. As far as can be learned the outlook for getting the school here seems good.

MRS. KELLOGG, READER.

Mrs. Jeannette Jewell Kellogg, who is highly praised as an entertainer, comes to Masonic Hall on the evening of Thursday, April 23rd. The press notices of her and her work lead us to expect something far above the ordinary, and we are led to believe that the highest expectations will be realized. The entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the M. E. Church. Further particulars will be announced later.

NEW OIL WELL.

The South Penn Oil Company, which is a West Virginia branch of the Standard, is drilling a well on Oliver Loar's land three miles below Louisa, just across the river from Potter station.

The Lackey and Burchett wells near Yatesville are reported to be the best wells in the Lawrence county field.

THE HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Stant Clayton, who was successfully operated upon for gall stones last week, is doing well. On Monday last Mrs. Freeland Johnson, of this city, was taken to the hospital, where on the following day she submitted to an operation for the relief from a chronic trouble. In both these cases the operations were done by Dr. York, Drs. Bromley and Wellman assisting.

REMEMBER THE BAZAR.

Don't forget to remember that the ladies of the M. E. Church South will be held in the sample rooms at the Brunswick Hotel, and will be held in the building formerly used as a restaurant, two doors below Sullivan's corner, and all manner of nice things to use inside and on the exterior will be on sale. No charge at the door, but the separation between coin and customer will be effected later.

CONTRACT FOR BRIDGES.

On March 16th the contract for building the following bridges was let to the only bidder, the Champion Bridge Co., through its agent, H. H. Spain: Fugett branch \$1792; Garred branch \$1745; Blaine creek \$4588, and Cat \$975. No contracts for keeping the two-mile sections of road in repair were let.

DEATH OCCURRED AT HUNTINGTON.

Miss Ruby Adkins, of This County, Was the Victim.

A tragedy which had its beginning in this county and its last act in Huntington, W. Va., has been the cause of much comment and speculation. Gossips have had a rich harvest, and the real facts in the case, sad enough in reality, have been so exaggerated and distorted that it is hard to get the plain truth concerning the unfortunate affair. To publish one-half of what has been told in connection with the occurrence would fill columns of the NEWS. And nothing would be said in it now if the matter had not received attention from the county authorities.

On Friday, March 27, a young woman named Ruby Adkins, daughter of Jesse Adkins, a respectable citizen of this county and living on Twin Branch, visited the office of a Louisa physician. She admitted that she was facing maternity and implored him for aid. The doctor promptly and emphatically refused to grant her request. She left his office, but went again on the following day and urgently repeated the request of the preceding day and was again met with a decided refusal. The woman disappeared from the city and so far as the NEWS can learn nothing was heard of her until Friday, April 3, when news came that she had died in a Huntington hospital and word to this effect was sent to her father.

On Saturday morning the body arrived in Louisa. The box which held the casket bore the certificate of the attending Huntington physician giving hemorrhage as the cause of death. Mr. Adkins had come to take the body of his daughter home for burial, but the authorities deemed it advisable to have an inquest held and by so doing ascertain, if possible, the cause of the death and who was responsible for the illegal act. Coroner J. F. Hatten, of Buchanan, was phoned for and he arrived on the 2 p. m. N. & W. He at once impaneled a jury and ordered that an autopsy be made. The jury consisted of A. L. Burton, L. M. Copley, R. S. Chaffin, Mont Holt, J. H. Holbrook and C. F. Peters. The body was taken from the passenger depot to the Green Meek building just across the street, where the autopsy was made by Dr. Bussey, Reynolds and Wellman. After this was done and the testimony of several witnesses had been taken the jury rendered a verdict which declared that the deceased died in Huntington from the effects of a criminal operation performed by parties unknown to the jury. The remains were then taken to Osie, where they were interred Sunday.

On Sunday Sheriff Stone and County Attorney Fred See went to Huntington for the purpose of making an investigation. They learned that the young woman had gone to a private boarding house in that city on Wednesday, where she became suddenly and violently ill. A physician was called who visited her several times during the day and night. On Thursday she was removed to the city hospital where she died. Sheriff Stone declared that they found much in Huntington by which they hope to effect a final clearing up of the lamentable affair which brought so much sorrow to the home of the motherless girl.

R. A. M. MEETING.

Louisa Chapter R. A. M. is anxious to have a quorum present at the regular meeting Friday, April 10th. On this occasion S. M. Cecil, of Pikeville, Royal Arch Inspector, and J. W. Turner, of Paintsville, proxy of the Grand High Priest of the State of Kentucky, will be present. Refreshments are announced, and there is no doubt of a quorum.

Alvin P. Childers, of Lookout, and Bonnie Banks, of Middle Creek, have been appointed postmasters at these points.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Resolutions on the death of Margaret Yates adopted by the Junior Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in session April 4, 1914:

Whereas, our Heavenly Father, who knows best and does all things well, has removed from our Society here to his home above our associate, and our third Vice President, Margaret Yates, Therefore, be it Resolved, First, that this Society has lost an officer who was capable, willing, and faithful in the performance of her duties, a member who was interested in the work and whose life was full of promise, and a little friend whom we all loved because of the sunshine of her life.

Second, that we express our great sorrow because of the death of our friend, and refuse to be divorced from the memory that has twined so closely around our hearts.

Third, that we assure the two sisters, who are members of our Society, the parents, and the brothers, that we sympathize with them in the loss of this beautiful life from the home, and that we pray for the presence with them of the Christ who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me."

Fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, a copy be sent the family, and a copy be sent our city paper for publication.

Signed,
HELEN ALEXANDER, Pres.
VIRGINIA HAGER, Sec.

TO TAP RICH COAL FIELDS.

Another railroad line to tap the rich Boone's Fork and Elkhorn coal fields of Letcher county is announced. The Beaver Creek branch of the Chesapeake & Ohio starting from Sie ls creek and passing through the headwaters of Beaver and Rockport, rich coal and timber sections, and terminating in the center of the Boone's Fork territory, about twenty miles.

ANOTHER SIGN OF SPRING.

"Where's your mother, daughter," asked the rooster in the gloom. "I think," the chicken answered, "she's in the sitting room."

SHOOTING AFFRAY AT TORCHLIGHT.

Charles Lycans Shot Through the Face by Bill Ratcliff.

Shortly after 4:00 o'clock on Sunday afternoon last, at Torchlight, this county, Bill Ratcliff, a well known character, shot and dangerously wounded Charley Lycans, whose home is at Torchlight, where he is employed as weigher for the Louisa Coal Co. The ball entered the right side of Lycans' face near the "lock" of the jaw, and passed out on the opposite side just in front of the ear, making a very dangerous wound which bled profusely.

When the shooting occurred Lycans and Carl Compton were standing on the platform of the company's store, when Ratcliff came along down the railroad. When he got near he called out to them and asked them if they had their guns. Without waiting for a reply he began firing at them, the first shot taking effect in Lycans as told above. He immediately fled, turning to fire as he ran. Compton and Lycans also emptied their pistols at the fugitive but, so far as can be learned, without effect. A posse was at once formed which went in pursuit of Ratcliff, but up to now he has not been arrested. It is said that on the night before the shooting was done Lycans and Grover See had put Ratcliff out of the Torchlight store, and it is thought that this had led to the affray which so nearly became a homicide.

This pistol duel, serious enough in itself, was grossly exaggerated by reports which grew larger as they spread. Even by the time they reached Louisa one was dead and several others were badly wounded.

F. L. Stewart, Fred Vinson and E. E. Shannon were in Catlettsburg recently.